

**In the Matter of:**

Wireline Competition Bureau Seeking Comments on E-rate Category Two  
WC Docket No. 13-184

Traverse Area District Library and the communities we serve have benefited greatly from the funds we have received for Priority 2 equipment. Before the E-rate Modernization changes that occurred in 2014, our library was never eligible for Priority 2 funding. While Priority 1 helped us provide a high speed internet connection, our libraries did not have the network infrastructure to ensure our patrons could make use of the bandwidth we provided.

We were particularly lacking when it came to our wireless infrastructure. Whenever more than a couple dozen devices tried to connect to our network, our obsolete wireless access points would become overwhelmed, disrupting the ability for patrons to access the internet. Replacing access points at all our locations was cost prohibitive without access to Priority 2 funding.

After we were granted Priority 2 funding in 2016, we were able to replace the entire network infrastructure at all our locations. The results of this change were profound. We can now support hundreds of users on our wireless network without issue. Our community can now count on the library for dependable high speed wireless internet. We are now able to host technology events, like our "Girls Who Code" program and have found that many more students are coming to the library to take part in online courses and training programs, now that they can count on our internet connection.

Please maintain secure funding through the full five year budget period as adopted during the 2014 Modernization.

- Scott Morey, Asst. Director for Technology - Traverse Area District Library